OVERHILLS, GREAT CIRCUS (Building No. 1) HAER No. NC-49-A (page 2)

B. <u>Historical Context:</u> Overhills.

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

- A. Physical Description: The centerpiece of the Hunt Stable complex is the Great Circus, a grassy circular area (Photo NC-49-A-1), which served as the ceremonial gathering place for the horses and hounds stabled on the north and south sides. Originally, the Great Circus was bordered by a circular clay avenue lined with a hedge, but only vestiges of the hedge remain. The four cardinal points of the circus are marked by pairs of tall, paneled pylons, constructed of concrete (Photo NC-49-A-2 and Photo NC-49-A-3), which served as entrances to the circus. These gateways were flanked by American holly and magnolia trees, which remain as mature specimens. Raised, grassy paths crossed the circus along the axes reaching a raised circular area at the center. These paths and the central meeting point for the hunt parties are still evident. From the center of the Circus, the hunt began through the west gateway up the pine-lined trail towards the Hill.
- B. <u>Condition of the Fabric</u>: The landscape has overtaken the physical elements of the Circus.

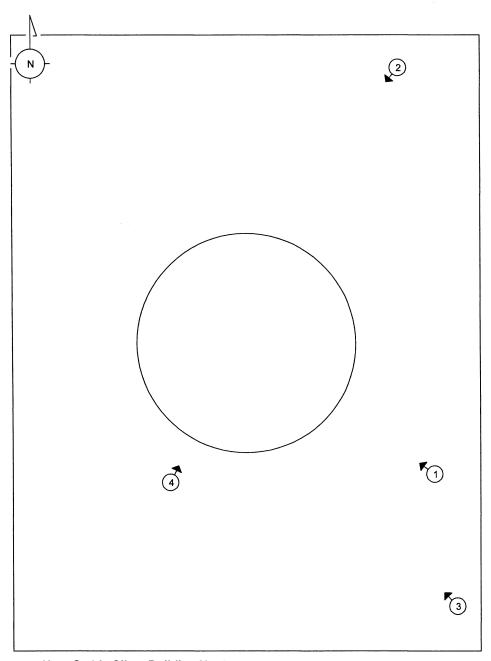
C. <u>Site</u>:

- 1. General Setting: The Great Circus is located off of an unnamed east-west road that connects to Nursery Road. The entire Hunt Stable complex is between the Hill and the Lindley Nursery/Preventorium areas.
- 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: See physical description.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. <u>Architectural Drawings</u>: There are none.
- B. <u>Historic Views</u>: There are none.
- C. <u>Interviews:</u> None
- D. <u>Bibliography:</u>
 - 1. Primary and unpublished sources:
 - 2. Secondary and published sources:
 - Alexander, Frances and Richard Mattson. "Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report: Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Harnett and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina, Final Report." Charlotte, NC: Mattson,

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Hunt Stable Silo - Building No. 3

Photograph Locations

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

OVERHILLS, SILO

(Building No. 3)

HAER No. NC-49-B

Location:

East of Nursery Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina

USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3898979.680427

Present Owner:

Department of Defense

Department of the Army

Fort Bragg

Original Use:

Silo for storing grain for hunt horses.

Present Use:

Vacant

Significance:

The Hunt Stable portion of the Overhills area at Fort Bragg is a

contributing part of an eligible Fort Bragg historic district for the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1924; the Silo served as the grain storage area for the Hunt Stable. The Hunt Stable area is at the eastern edge of the Overhills historic district as identified in the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, May

2000.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

- 1. Date of Erection: Ca. 1924.
- 2. Architect: Unknown.
- 3. <u>Original and Subsequent Owners</u>: Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
- 4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
- 5. <u>Original plans and construction</u>: None could be located.
- 6. Alterations and additions: Unknown.

B. <u>Historical Context:</u>

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

- A. <u>Physical Description</u>: The Silo has a circular plan with a twelve foot diameter and is composed of terra cotta brick. The walls of the Silo are one wythe thick; bricks are typically 1'-0" tall, with ½" mortar joints. The structure of the Silo is load bearing masonry that is 23 courses tall. There are 4 openings on the southwest side of the Silo. The openings are roughly 2'-0" square, spaced 2' apart vertically. There is no roof covering the Silo. The floor of the Silo is concrete and the interior walls, like the exterior are terra cotta brick. There is one ladder located on the back of the silo.
- B. <u>Condition of the Fabric:</u> Structurally the terra cotta walls are in good condition, but it can no longer serve as a silo due to the missing roof and doors.

C. Site:

- 1. General Setting: The Silo is located in the Hunt Stable complex next to the Hunt Stable (No.2) on the east side of the stable.
- 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no designed landscaping scheme in the area surrounding the Silo.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Drawings: There are none.
- B. Historic Views: There are none.
- C. Interviews: None
- D. Bibliography:
 - 1. Primary and unpublished sources:
 - 2. Secondary and published sources:
 - Alexander, Frances and Richard Mattson. "Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report: Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Harnett and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina, Final Report." Charlotte, NC: Mattson, Alexander and Associates prepared for US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, May 2000.
 - Hood, Davyd Foard. "Overhills Historic District. Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places" (draft), 1992. On file at the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh.
- E. <u>Likely sources not yet investigated:</u> None.

PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Management Program in the Directorate Public Works at Fort Bragg, North Carolina sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Adam Smith (CERL). Adam Smith, with assistance from Christella Lai and Jennifer Feucht, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program through preservation planner Cris Armstrong and architectural historian Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed May 2007.